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MINISTER (AND PREMIER-DESIGNATE) MORO AND SECRETARY

KISSINGER AT VILLA MADAMA, ROME, ON NOVEMBER 5, 1974

NSCE FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT AND NESSEN

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF TOAST BY MINISTER MORO:
QUOTE MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, FIRST OF ALL I WISH TO TELL
YOU HOW HAPPY I AM THAT YOUR PRESENCE IN ROME FOR THE WORLD
FOOD CONFERENCE OFFERED US THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS OUR LATEST
MEETING, ALLOWING US TO RESUME THE CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE THAT
WE HAPPILY BEGAN WITH YOU A LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH AGO IN
WASHINGTON. YOU COME HERE AT THE END OF A LONG TRIP DURING
WHICH YOU STOPPED IN SEVERAL CAPITALS OF EASTERN EUROPE AND
ASIA DISPLAYING THERE YOUR KEEN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY FOR
RAPPROACHMENT AMONG PEOPLES. AND FROM ROME YOU BEGIN ANOTHER
DELICATE AND DIFFICULT MISSION FOR WHICH WE WISH YOU THE
BEST SUCCESS.

ITALY, BECAUSE OF HER POSITION AT THE CENTER OF THE
MEDITERRANEAN AREA AND OF HER ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN STABILITY AND
HARMONY WITHIN THESE AREAS OF VITAL INTEREST. AND TO THESE
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PROBLEMS OTHERS ARE ADDED TODAY, COMPLEX AND SERIOUS PROBLEMS,

CREATED BY THE ECONOMIC CRISIS WHICH HAS HEIGHTENED INTER-DEPENDENCE AMONG STATES, MAKING CLOSER COOPERATION URGENT.

I CAN REAFFIRM TO YOU, ON THIS OCCASION, THAT ITALY, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION OF LAST JUNE -- WHICH CONFIRMED THE VALIDITY FOR SECURITY AND PEACE OF THE POLITICAL COURSE OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE FOLLOWED FOR A QUARTER CENTURY AND STRENGTHENED THEIR TRADITIONAL LINKS, - WILL GIVE HER CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO ANY EFFORT AIMING AT CONSOLIDATING AN EQUITABLE AND STABLE INTERNATIONAL ORDER.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITALY ARE VERY USEFUL, AS ALWAYS, AND WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE THEM ON THE OCCASION OF OTHER MEETINGS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FORUMS IN WHICH, AS ALLIED AND FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, WE BOTH DEVELOP OUR COMMON ACTION FOR THE SECURITY AND PEACE OF ALL THE WORLD'S PEOPLES.

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, THE TRIBUTE I WISH TO PAY YOU TODAY STEMS NOT FROM A MATTER OF ETIQUETTE BUT FROM DEEPLY FELT CONVICTION IN PRAISE OF YOUR UNTIRING WORK, YOUR EXCEPTIONAL TENACITY, YOUR CLEAR VISION OF FACTS, YOUR FAR-SIGHTED UNDERSTANDING OF THE CLOSE BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE LINKS WHICH UNITE US AND OTHER PEOPLES TO YOUR GREAT COUNTRY; WE PARTICULARLY VALUE THE CAPACITY AND WILL TO SAFEGUARD AND DEVELOP, THROUGH TURBULENT POLITICAL EVENTS, THE GREAT PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE WHICH UNDERLIE THE BIRTH, THE TASKS AND THE DESTINY OF THE AMERICAN NATION.

WITH THIS HOPE, I AM PLEASED TO RAISE MY GLASS TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR MISSION, TO YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING AND THE WELL-BEING OF THE GRACIOUS MRS. KISSINGER, AND TO THE DEEP FRIENDSHIP WHICH UNITES THE AMERICAN AND ITALIAN PEOPLES.
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SECRETARY KISSINGER: QUOTE

MR. PRIME MINISTER, EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS A VERY GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ALL MY FRIENDS AGAIN ON SUCH A PLEASANT OCCASION.
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THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS IN THE PROCESS OF SEEING WHETHER A GOVERNMENT CAN BE FORMED AND AFTER HE HAS BEGUN TO EXPLAIN TO ME THE NUANCES AND COMPLEXITIES I DON'T KNOW WHY IT IS THAT IS GOING TO THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SEEMS TO ME MUCH BETTER QUALIFIED TO HANDLE THAT SITUATION. BUT SERIOUSLY I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING FOR MANY YEARS NOW WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. AND THE PRINCIPLES OF ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY BASED ON EUROPEAN UNITY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AT THE BASIS OF HIS

FOREIGN POLICY. AND I REMEMBER MANY OCCASIONS WHEN ITALY CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR COMMON EFFORTS, SUCH AS FOR EXAMPLE AT THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE LAST FEBRUARY, AND IN THE CONCLUSION OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION TO WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTER REFERRED.

I RECALL THESE EVENTS BECAUSE NO MATTER WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR WHAT GOVERNMENT IS IN POWER IN ITALY, THE FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY OF OUR TWO PEOPLES ARE BASIC FACTORS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS.

WE CONSIDER OURSELVES PART OF THE SAME FAMILY AND WE SEEK OUR SOLUTIONS NOT ON THE BASIS OF WHAT ONE CAN DO FOR THE OTHER, BUT ON THE BASIS OF WHAT BOTH CAN DO FOR THE COMMON GOOD. WHENEVER I TALK TO ITALIAN LEADERS WE SPEAK FREE OF COMPLEXES AND NEITHER OF US HAS THE NEED TO PROVE ANYTHING TO THE OTHER.

SO IN THE DIFFICULT PERIOD THAT NOW EXISTS IN THE WORLD, AN ECONOMIC CRISIS AND POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN MANY COUNTRIES, ONCE AGAIN ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE A COMMON DESTINY. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS THAT THE WORLD FACES IS THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WEST WHO AT THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR THROUGH THEIR UNITY ACHIEVED THEIR PROGRESS. ONCE AGAIN MANAGE TO ESTABLISH SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF THE CRISIS WHICH WE NOW CONFRONT. AND HAVING DEVELOPED THEIR SOLIDARITY THEY CAN THEN WORK TOGETHER ON THE BASIS OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE WHOLE WORLD. THIS WILL BE OUR ATTITUDE IN THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO WORKING WITH ITALY TO OVERCOME PRESENT DIFFICULTIES. AND I KNOW THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP WILL LEAD TO COOPERATION IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD AS WELL AS IN THE WORLD AT LARGE.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK, ALSO ON BEHALF MY WIFE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY CORDIAL
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RECEPTION THAT WE HAVE HAD HERE. AND TO TELL TO ALL OUR ITALIAN FIRENDS THAT HERE WE ALWAYS FEEL AT HOME. WHICH MEANS, TO YOUR SORROW PERHAPS, THAT YOU MAY HAVE TO ATTEND MANY SUCH LUNCHEES IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. AND IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO MY FRIEND THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND TO THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE ITALIAN AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. UNQUOTE.VOLPE

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